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FOURTEEN MORE YOUNG LADIES ARE NOMINATED

Talk about speed. Last week we were blue. Four weeks of persuasion had resulted in the nomination of but seven candidates in the Hellwig-Lagrave—Washington Press Piano Contest. Then one of them resigned. We were pessimistic. We were blue. We were sore. We were disheartened.

THEY WERE WAITING

But ye Gods and little oysters! They were all waiting for someone else to begin. This last week up to Wednesday, fourteen additional nominations had been made. Apparently all the favorite sisters and daughters in Washington Township have not yet been put forward. So we have decided to postpone the awarding of the first special prize—a twenty-six piece set of Rogers Bros. silver—for a couple of weeks, in fairness to those who have not yet gotten into the race.

The rules of this contest, which is a regular one, may be found in the advertisement on page three. Next week we hope to be able to tell those who are interested in this contest all the facts about it.

THE FOURTEEN

The candidates nominated this week are:

Miss Viola Lund, Miss Mamie Rose, Miss Juhl, Miss Mabel Scribner, and Miss Dorothy Ford of Alvarado; Miss Francis, Miss Marian Sequera, Miss Helen Machado, Newark R. F. D.; Miss Mamie Perry, Miss Ollie Perry, Miss Marie Swanson, Miss Linda Luncan, Miss Agnes Watters, Decoto; and Miss Edith Rose, Niles R. F. D.

The following candidates were nominated last week: Miss Rose Smith, or Decoto; Miss Irene Embrey, of Irvington; Miss Elsie Jung, of Alvarado; Miss Mary Bertalozzi of Niles; and Miss Agnes Olivera, of Centerville.

That makes twenty-two starters and nominations are still open.

All we have to say is that the pessimists ought to be convinced that while there is life there is hope.

Social Events

The Irvington Athletic and Social Club is giving a Good Time Dance in Maple Hall this Saturday evening, June 24. Music is by Syke's Orchestra. Admission is fifty cents for gentlemen and twenty-five cents for ladies.

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Miss Marie Sharpe who is enjoying a vacation of one week at Belvoir entertained a party of her girl friends on Wednesday afternoon. Her guests were Bessie Stivers, Helen Murphy, Dorothy Tyson, Margaret Duffy.

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Miss Martha Kell, Miss Caroline Kell, Miss Audrey Jones, and Mrs. Kutch were entertained at a very pleasant card party Tuesday evening by Miss Amy Bliss.

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Mrs. H. B. Ellsworth has invitations out for a card party on Friday afternoon of this week, June 23rd.

BENEFIT MINSTREL SHOW

The Kennedy Indian Minstrels numbering 65 singers and an orchestra of 10 pieces, will give a show at Maple Hall, Irvington, Saturday, July 1, for the benefit of St. Joseph's Church, Mission San Jose. This troupe is now in its third season and has given shows in many of the towns of central California. An excellent program will be presented. Skating will follow the show.

DUARTE—MORRA

The wedding of Miss Amy G. Duarte and Antone Morra of Centerville was solemnized in the Centerville Catholic church last Sunday morning, Father Souza officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Antone Garcia stood up with the young couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. M. E. Duarte and the groom is well known here having been in the employ of Duarte and Rezendes before going to San Pablo where he is now employed. After a short honeymoon trip to Santa Cruz the young people will make their home in San Pablo.

FIESTA DAY AT NEWARK

The picnic at Idlewild Park, Newark, this (Saturday), afternoon offers a pleasant time to all who attend. Games and dancing with good music.

PLEASANTON AGREEMENT

Spring Valley Gets the Water—Farmers Get Pumps—Pleasanton Its Death Blow

The proposed agreement between the Spring Valley Water Co. and the Pleasanton Water District was published last week in the Pleasanton Times. It is certainly a remarkable document and we are sorry that we have not the space or the means to print the document in full in order that the people of Washington Township might more fully realize the dangerous cleverness of the enemy they themselves are now facing.

The substance of the agreement is that for the unmolested privilege of draining the Pleasanton section to the limit and diverting it to San Francisco, a privilege worth millions of dollars, the company agrees to install some forty pumps and also agrees to pay for the cost of pumping up to 15,000 gallons a day for the various thirty odd wells (with somewhat more to two of the larger lands owners), whenever the water plane goes below a certain level, one of the lowest ever attained in the valley. In case the lowering of the water plane prevents the wells from developing a supply up to the 15,000 gallons for 10 hours pumping the wells are to be sunk deeper or enlarged and in the event the wells fail entirely the company guarantees to deliver an amount of water equal to 15,000 gallons for 10 hours pumping. The Remillard Brick Co. is guaranteed to the extent of 25,000 gallons a day for two wells, Koopman Bros. 150,000 gallons a day for each of nine wells and 200,000 gallons a day for two wells. The guarantee applies only to such land owners as sign the agreement. It is also provided that other owners may come into the agreement and in such case will get a pump and a guarantee of either the cost of pumping 15,000 gallons a day when the water plane goes below the low mark or in case of failure of the well of 15,000 gallons of water a day.

To understand the insignificant amount of water thus guaranteed in case the company's operations eventually destroy the productive capacity of the wells, it will be

well to estimate the meaning of 15,000 gallons for 10 hours. This means 1500 gallons for one hour or 25 gallons a minute. What this means for irrigation purposes compared to the pumps in our own section which produce an average of 300 gallons a minute can well be seen. 15,000 gallons of water a day seems a large amount when looked at in gallons but when reduced to cubic feet would equal a tank about 12½ feet each way. How far such a volume of water will go toward irrigating a piece of land can also be understood when it is considered that this same 15,000 gallons of water spread over one acre will cover it to the depth of five-ninths of an inch. At this rate a week's accumulation of water would just about irrigate an acre of land. And for this the land owner gives away the right to pump the valley dry!

In addition to this the town of Pleasanton is guaranteed to the extent of 600,000 gallons of water a day and a reservoir with a capacity of 350,000 gallons of water. Above the 600,000 gallons a day, the town will have to pay the water company.

In case the company proceeds with its plan for the erection of a dam on the Arroyo Valley creek it promises whenever the water plane reaches a certain low water mark according to the rainfall, to release during the summer from such storage the amount of water that the gravels of the Pleasanton valley will absorb without wasting into the Tagana creek such total amount to equal what the company has stored during the preceding season. This seems to be the most favorable part of the agreement until it is understood that the company itself will be one of the chief beneficiaries of the storage of the gravels because it will be pumping from them a much greater amount than the people of the valley. Besides the lowest water mark will usually come after a dry season when the storage for the preceding season will be the least.

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IS RUN DOWN BY LOCOMOTIVE

Myron Laskey, 20 years old, living at 1539 Fulton street, San Francisco, was struck and instantly killed on the Niles Canyon trestle as he assisted his companion, Miss Sophie Adams, to safety Sunday afternoon.

The young couple were on their way back to Niles station from Niles canyon along with other picnickers.

Laskey and his companion were the last to start to cross the trestle. When half way over they heard the approaching train and started to run for safety.

The others in the party managed to reach the other side, but Laskey and Miss Adams were overtaken by the oncoming locomotive.

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His body, badly mangled, was found at the base of the trestle bulkhead, with the young woman's outing coat clasped in his arms.

Miss Adams was burned by steam from the passing locomotive, but held her position at the end of the trestle until rescuers arrived.

Laskey was the only son of Mrs. J. Laskey, 1539 Fulton street, San Francisco.

SCHOOL OF INSTRUCTION

A school of instruction for the Masonic lodges of this district was held at Centerville last Friday evening. Officers from the various lodges at San Leandro were present and their work was inspected by Grand Lecturer Baker, assisted by Inspectors Garibaldi, Arbogast, and Warren.

The local team of Alameda Lodge, was found very proficient in its work.

The officers of Alameda Lodge are F. B. Hartman, W. M.; J. B. Chamberlain, S. W.; E. A. Ormsby, J. W.; W. L. Richards, S. D.; H. C. Scarles, J. D.; B. C. Mickle, W. C. Graham, Stewards.

Coming Events

FRIDAY

Fiesta at Newark. The Tostmaster, in evening at Newark School auditorium. Dancing. Music by Syke's Orchestra.

SATURDAY

Fiesta at Newark. Picnic at Idlewild Park. Games and Dancing in afternoon. Clarke's Band.

Good Times Dance by Irvington Athletic and Social Club. Maple Hall. Syke's Orchestra.

SUNDAY

Baseball. Alvarado at Niles.

Final Game of series between Centerville Sodality and St. Joseph's Athletic Club. Excursion to Oakland by auto bus.

COMING

July 1, and 4. Celebration. Centerville.

July 8. Dance by the Maccabees. Connors' Hall, Niles. Sykes Orchestra.

FARM BUREAU MEETING

Farm Advisor C. W. Rubel will give a talk at the Chamber of Commerce rooms next Wednesday, June 28, on "Seed Selection in its Relation to Crop Productivity." He will be in Niles during the day and will be glad to consult with any of the people. Any one desiring to see Mr. Rubel may leave word with C. B. Overacker of Niles or Henry May of Decoto.

CHARGE REDUCED

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon preferred against Balinger by Frank Marshall of Newark was reduced at a hearing before Judge Richmond Thursday to a charge of battery. The defendant plead guilty and was fined ten dollars.

RECRUITING IN THE TOWNSHIP

The recruiting of the militia has resulted in several enlistments from this township.

Among those who have enlisted are Roy Pearce of Decoto, Sydney Tyson, Niles, and G. W. Wright, Fred Mitte, and W. O. Ford, of the California Nursery, Will Crane, and Mr. Stratton of Niles and Clarence Silva of Decoto. Sydney Tyson goes with the Hayward company.

POST OFFICE CHANGES HANDS

J. B. Barnard has taken charge of the Niles postoffice the change occurring last Tuesday. Mr. Barnard announces that he will retain Miss Caroline Kell as assistant. Miss Kell has been a very efficient assistant for the past five years and the public will be glad to hear of her retention. No change in the location of the postoffice is likely to be made at present.

MRS. COFFANEY PASSES

Mrs. Margaret Coffaney, formerly a resident of the township died at Stockton on the 17th instant. The funeral was held in Irvington Wednesday forenoon.

The graduating exercises of the Centerville grammar school were held last Friday evening in the school auditorium. The program was enlivened by music by the Carey Orchestra from Palo Alto. Several songs were rendered by the school. Principal Jos. Dias presented the diplomas and the address of the evening was delivered by Father Sullivan, Vice President of Santa Clara University.

The benches on which the audience were seated were the product of the manual training class this year. The following is a list of the graduates:

Ralph Waldo Emerson, Allan Walton, George P. Hauch, Anthony P. Francis, Joseph Correa, Lester R. Pires.

CELEBRATION PROMISES TO DRAW LARGE CROWDS TO CENTERVILLE ON JULY FIRST - SECOND - FOURTH

PROGRAM FOR CELEBRATION

SATURDAY, JULY 1

Dance at Town Hall. 8:30 P.M. Clarke's Orchestra.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

Baseball game, 2:30 P.M. Band concert, 7:00 to 9:00 P.M.

TUESDAY, JULY 4

Band Concert, 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.

Grand Parade, Ladies S. P. R. S., 10:00 A.M.

Vaudeville Performance, 1:00 to 2:30 and 3:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Japanese Wrestling, Fencing, etc., 1:00 to 2:30 and 3:00 to 6:00 P.M.

Band Concert, 3:00 to 6:00 P.M. and 7:00 to 8:30 P.M.

Baseball Game, 2:30 P.M.

Dance in Town Hall, 1:00 to 6:00 P.M., all afternoon. Prizes.

Tug-of-War, Races, Games, etc., at 4:00 P.M.

Fireworks, 8:30 P.M.

Ball in Catholic Hall, 8:45 P.M. Syke's Orchestra.

The Fourth of July celebration at Centerville as is usually the case with that town promises more and more as the time draws near. The appropriation of \$200 by the Board of Supervisors has helped very materially to insure a fine display of fireworks.

LADIES TO PARADE

Another feature that promises to be an attractive one is a parade in which all the I. D. E. S. Councils of the township will participate. The Centerville people are hustlers when it comes to getting up a good Fourth of July celebration and we may naturally expect still other surprises before the day arrives.

INTERESTING MEETING FOR NEWARK

At the farm bureau meeting to be held at Newark next Monday evening Mr. Paul E. Angle, who is interested in the big land development work that is now going on in that region will tell something of the plan of the people who are back of the work and what they are trying to do and intend to do with the land. The success of this project will mean much to that locality, and local people should take an interest in what is going on.

Other matters of interest will come before the meeting which will be held at the Chamber of Commerce rooms at 8 p.m.

Sport Gossip

The Niles Fencebusters came through handsomely at Sullivan's Park, Niles, last Sunday with a 12-5 victory over the Cubs from Irvington. The game was played before a very slim crowd. The boys are trying hard to keep baseball alive in Niles and deserve better support than they have been given by local fans. The batters for last Sunday's game were: Niles, Nicholls and Bertalozzi; Irvington, Medeiros and Coltrin.

Centerville Plays St. Joseph's in Final Game Sunday

The final game of the series between the Centerville Sodality and St. Joseph's Athletic Club baseball teams will take place in Oakland this Sunday. The game will be played in the afternoon on the St. Mary's College grounds. The trip from Centerville will be made by auto bus and the team will be accompanied by about seventy-five rooters. During the season each team has secured one victory to its credit and a close and exciting contest may naturally be expected. Round trip tickets including admission to the ball game are being sold for seventy-five cents.

Fencebusters to Play Alvarado Sunday

The Niles Fencebusters are to entertain the Alvarado team at Sullivan's Park in Niles tomorrow afternoon, Sunday June 25. The local boys are beginning to put up a good brand of baseball and have in their line up a number of future stars. The admission of ten cents is charged simply to help defray expenses. Local fans ought to come through a trifling more generously in support of the team. The kids are trying hard and deserve support. Show up Sunday at Sullivan's Park and do some tall rooting. It will be good for your rheumatic pocketbook to loosen up a trifling.

Centerville Smash into Court House Defenders

The Centerville Sodality team

simply walked all over the Court House team of Oakland on the Centerville high school grounds last Sunday. The score was in the neighborhood of 13 to 0 but had not been computed at the time of going to press. The locals put up their usual good

brand of baseball but the visitors didn't have a thing in their favor. The way the Sodality boys have been going of late augurs well for the possibility of their bringing home the bacon from Oakland, where they play the final game of the series with St. Joseph's Athletic Club tomorrow, Sunday, June 25.

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DECOTO'S OPPORTUNITY

The town of Decoto needs a town water system and it also needs better fire protection. Its public school building needs a better water system in order to install the proposed sanitary sewer system. The present condition where each new home builder must provide his own well and tank prevents new buildings from going up. The town water supply should not be left for private capital to furnish. At present there is no inducement for private capital to engage in such a venture. In time there will be and when that time comes the profit will go into private hands. Besides the profit going into private hands the town will probably be taxed as Niles is to-day and Newark will soon be to provide fire protection. In Niles the fire tax goes principally to the existing private water company. To avoid such a condition, Decoto should own its own water system.

Decoto also enjoys the advantage of being laid out as a town. It has the best railroad shipping facilities in the township and with the rehabilitation of the Western Pacific it will enjoy even better facilities. It has a rich farming section all about it and has a steady payroll besides. Above all it has the best town site in the township and there is no reason why it should not step to the front and become one of the leading towns of the township.

If the people of Decoto act wisely and spend their money for the most needful things first the town will have a distinct advantage over its neighbors. Instead of bonding itself to the extent of twenty or twenty-five thousand dollars for a new school building the present building can be placed in good condition and made to serve for a number of years without the expenditure of a great deal of money. If the town is to bond itself let it be first for an adequate water system from which the town and not private individuals may make the profit. Then when this is accomplished let the town take up the matter of a sewer system.

Along with the water system let the town take up the matter of putting in a few blocks of permanent street paving on its principal streets. This can be done gradually and it should use the paving material of its leading manufacturing establishment, the California Brick Co.

If Decoto acquires a good town water system it will have more homes and better kept ones because a community owned water system always furnishes cheaper water and more water than a private company.

Of course the only way these things can be brought about is to incorporate the town. This means that it will have to take over several blocks of county roads but if these roads were gradually paved with permanent brick pavement the cost of upkeep would be very slight for at least twenty years and both the town and the local industry would be greatly benefited by it. Decoto can and should be made the headquarters of the California Brick Co.

There is always one bugaboo when incorporation is mentioned and that is the regulation of the saloon business. So far as Decoto is concerned that can be left to the people to manage as well as such towns as Pleasanton and Hayward.

Another bugbear is the matter of the cost of the town government. That depends upon the people of the town. They do not need an expensive government. We are sure that the town tax can be made a very small one as the principal cost in the beginning would be a water system which in a few years' time would become a paying investment instead of a burden.

Decoto does not want a boom. What it needs is careful planning and profitable investment of her community resources. With the town incorporated the large number of idle lots now being held for speculative purposes will have to contribute their share to the building up of the town. The result will be that they will be put to use.

THE MEXICAN SITUATION

The United States at last is on the verge of war with Mexico. Whether we are for war or against it, for preparedness or against it, we may as well recognize the actual condition that confronts us. We can not run away from it. We are up against a disagreeable duty and it may as well be done promptly and thoroughly.

Our schoolmaster president has watchfully waited in vain. He has tried every peaceful alternative but now like many other schoolmasters he is obliged to apply the strap and we believe he will apply it effectively.

It is a sad situation but there is no escape apparently. So we may as well make up our minds to do the job promptly and effectively. After Mexico is whipped the real

The Pleasanton Agreement

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Then again the Arroyo Valle dam may not be built until the people of the Pleasanton section have become reconciled to their 15,000 gallon allowance. Then again the Company may go ahead with their proposed new system of wells in the Livermore gravels which they propose to use as a storage basin. And then again, they may sell out to San Francisco and the Arroyo dam may never be built at all.

The total amount guaranteed to the town of Pleasanton and the Pleasanton Valley does not equal the amount used daily by the two gravel plants at Niles. The 15,000 gallons a day will just about supply the domestic needs of a farmer's lawn and garden and water his stock.

Of course it will be said that there is nothing in the agreement to prevent people from putting down their own wells, and pumping all the water besides what the Spring Valley guarantees. In this connection it must be borne in mind that under the agreement the company can pump the valley dry providing it furnished the minimum amount of water guaranteed.

The guarantee in case of the building of a storage dam on the Arroyo Valle of course will be no guarantee at all if the Spring Valley Co. should decide not to build that dam. In that case all the company would need to supply the Pleasanton Valley would be an amount of water equal to about what two ordinary irrigating pumps in Washington Township now produce. Should such a condition obtain there will be no more irrigating in the Pleasanton Valley, the present population would still further decrease and the town of Pleasanton would never need to worry about its extra 600,000 gallons of water a day, it would never need it because its population would grow less and less.

No wonder Editor Davis and Spring Valley's mayor, Mr. Schween, resent our meddling in Pleasanton affairs. The proposed agreement is all one sided and if it is put through it will be a sorry day in our opinion for the Pleasanton and Livermore sections. We cannot conceive how the directors of the Pleasanton District could ever have been inveigled into signing such an agreement. It may save them a lawsuit but it will also save them any excuse for existence as a community in the future.

The good Lord deliver Washington Township from such an agreement! It would be a thousand times better for us to have our district knocked out entirely than to allow the Spring Valley Water Co.

work such a flimflam on this valley. We had better pass the fight on to our children than to tie their hands by such an outrageous agreement as the Spring Valley Water Co. is about to work off on our Pleasanton neighbors by which the Spring Valley gets the water and the farmers get a lot of pumps which in due time turn to junk or its equivalent — bunk.

test will come. Shall we assume a benevolent protectorate as in Cuba or shall we annex Mexico to the United States? That is the question on which the present political campaign in the United States will turn. All other issues may as well be dismissed from our minds. They will count for nothing.

THE POLITICAL SITUATION

The conventions have met, the platforms have been adopted and the candidates are now before the people. Theodore Roosevelt is out of the race and the Progressives and Republicans will undoubtedly support Hughes whose character and record are apparently satisfactory to the Progressives. In fact his nomination is looked upon by them as having been forced by Roosevelt's candidacy. President Wilson is the strongest candidate the Democrats have had to present in many years. For the first time since the civil war the Democratic party can point to real achievements and has assumed a bold and aggressive attitude. There is not much difference between the platforms. Both candidates are of a high type and the campaign has many elements of uncertainty.

Should President Wilson's administration come out of the Mexican situation victorious it is more than likely that he will be reelected. All other issues are bound to be relegated into the background should a real war with Mexico develop.

The situation is one to keep the politicians guessing.

A single word is a little thing, But a soul may be dying before your eyes For lack of the comfort a word may bring With its welcome help and its sweet surprise.

A kindly look costs nothing at all But a heart may be starving for just one glance

That shall show by the eyelid's tender fall, The help of a pitying countenance.

It is easy enough to bend the ear To catch the tale of sore distress But men may be fainting beside us here For longing to share their weariness.

These gifts neither silver nor gold may buy Nor the wealth of richest men bestow But the comfort of word, or ear, or eye, The poorest may offset wherever he go.

CHURCH NOTICES

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, California
Mass at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday.
Decoto, California
Mass at 11:00 a.m.

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HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
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Father S. F. Baron, asst. pastor.
Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a.m.
Sunday — Mass at 8 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30.

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH
Irvington, California
H. V. WHITE, Minister
10 a.m. Sunday School.
8 p.m. Preaching Services.

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Newark, California
James Curdy, D.D., Pastor.
Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock. Christian Endeavor meeting 7 p.m. Sabbath School 9:45 p.m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Ladies Aid first and third Wednesday afternoon each month. Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

S. P. TIME TABLE

NILES TO SAN JOSE
Trains leave Niles: 8:17, 10:00 a.m., 1:35, 2:20, 5:10, 6:12, 8:00 p.m.

SAN JOSE TO NILES
Trains leave San Jose: 5:15, 7:10 a.m., 12:45, 3:40, 4:05, 5:25, 6:05, 6:30 p.m.

NILES TO NEWARK
Trains leave Niles: 4:45, 6:58 a.m., 1:40, 2:48, 5:11 p.m.

NEWARK TO NILES
Trains leave Newark: 9:35 a.m., 4:20 p.m.

SAN FRANCISCO TO NILES

Train	Lv.S.F.	Lv.Oak.	Ar.Niles
210	1:20a	1:52a	2:36a
90	6:40a	7:12a	8:15a
82	7:20a	7:57a	8:40a
32	8:20a	8:55a	10:00a
92	12:40p	1:15p	2:13p
500		4:05a	4:45a
504	1:00p	1:37p	2:42p
38	4:00p	4:31p	5:08p
96	4:40p	5:11p	6:05p
80	5:00p	5:30p	6:12p
18	6:40p	7:11p	7:58p
	6:40p	7:11p	7:58p

NILES TO SAN FRANCISCO

Train	Lv. Niles	Av. Oak.	Av. S.F.
35	5:45a	6:35a	7:10a
93	6:58a	7:51a	8:30a
91	7:48a	8:51a	9:30a
79	8:55a	9:30a	10:00a
181	1:30p	2:13p	2:50p
31	2:20p	3:10p	3:50p
97	4:20p	5:30p	6:10p
37	6:12p	6:53p	7:30p
99	6:15p	7:15p	7:50p
51	8:50p	9:27p	10:00p

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LODGE MEETINGS

NILES LODGE, NO. 382,
I.O.O.F. Meets every Monday evening at Niles
W. O. FORD, N. G.
N. P. HANSEN, V. G.
P. A. ELLIS, Sec.

MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.—
Meets every second and fourth Friday of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.

J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.
J. S. SOITO, Adv.
M. H. LEWIS, Clerk.
M. S. ALMAIDA, Banker.

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.
Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for 1916:
January 15, February 12, March 18,
April 15, May 13, June 10, July 8,
August 12, September 9, October 7,
November 4, December 9.
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The Navy League Unmasked

Speech Delivered Before House of Representatives Last December by Clyde H. Tavenner

¶ Benevolence of the 'Preparedness' Promoters.

(Continued from last week.)

Now, I want to go a little further into the patriotism of some of the firms that have a monopoly of the manufacture of war materials in this country and to take up particularly the singleness of the patriotism of the Du Pont Powder Co.

Here are two paragraphs in the agreement entered into in 1897, which agreement was used by the Government in its suit against the Du Pont trust:

Whenever the American factories receive an inquiry for any Government other than their own, either directly or indirectly, they are to communicate with the European factories through the chairman, appointed, as hereinafter set forth, and by that means to ascertain the price at which the European factories are quoting or have fixed, and they shall be bound not to quote or sell at any lower figure than the price at which the European factories are quoting or have fixed. Should the European factories receive an inquiry from the Government of the United States of North America or decide to quote for delivery for that Government, either directly or indirectly, they shall first in like manner be bound not to quote or sell below that figure.

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The American factories are to abstain from manufacturing, selling, or quoting, directly or indirectly, in or for consumption in any of the European territory, and the European factories are to abstain in like manner from manufacturing, selling, or quoting, directly or indirectly, in or for consumption in any of the countries of the American territory. With regard to the syndicated territory, neither party is to erect works there, except by a mutual understanding, and the trade there is to be carried on for joint account in the manner hereinafter defined.

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Shall Preparedness be Paid by Labor?

Now, a few words as to the plan which has been submitted to raise the money with which to defray the proposed tremendous increases in appropriations for the Army and Navy.

It is proposed to meet the cost of "preparedness" by taxes on sugar, on gasoline, and by other direct taxes which bear heavily upon labor. It is also proposed to continue the present indirect taxes on the things people use, which yield \$620,000,000 a year. It is proposed to burden the worker and farmer by taxes on the things they consume, and spend the proceeds on armament, with colossal profits to the armament ring, for an Army and Navy to protect principally the things that privilege owns.

Why Tax Labor?

First. Why tax labor when, according to the report of the Commission on Industrial Relations, from between one-third and one-fourth of the male workers 18 years of age and over in factories and mines earn less than \$10 per week, while from two-thirds to three-fourths earn less than \$15 per week; when 2 per cent of the people own 60 per cent of the wealth, and 65 per cent own only 5 per cent of the wealth.

Second. Why tax labor when war-munition stocks have increased in value in one year by \$866,000,000?

Third. Why tax incomes in America but \$80,000,000, when incomes in Great Britain, even before the war, paid \$236,245,000? England contains less than one-half our population and wealth.

All told, England taxed wealth, incomes, and inheritances to the extent of \$380,115,000, and collected 45 per cent of her total revenues from these sources. Democratic America collected 9 per cent of its revenues from wealth, incomes, and inheritances.

Fourth. Why tax labor on its necessities, on the things it needs merely to live, when inheritances have not as yet been taxed a penny by the Federal Government?

Fifth. Great Britain taxes incomes up to 33.33 per cent for war purposes; Germany levies taxes for imperial purposes, for state purposes, and for municipal purposes as well; the combined rate running often to 15 per cent or 20 per cent. Democratic America taxes incomes from 1 per cent

¶ Labor However is Asked to Foot the Bill.

to 7 per cent, the maximum up to \$100,000 being but 4 per cent.

A tax of \$10 to the wage earner means giving up clothes, food from his table, possibly the doctor for his children. A tax of \$10,000 to a man with an income of \$500,000 means no sacrifice whatever.

Sixth. Why tax labor, when an additional tax of 1 per cent on the gross earnings of railroads, public-service corporations, mines, and other public utilities would yield \$50,000,000. It could easily be collected. It could not be escaped. In most instances it could not be passed on to the consumer.

Seventh. Preparations for war should call for equal sacrifices. Defense should not mean sacrifice for the millions, and only profits for the few. Preparations for war mean profits to the railroads, to mine owners, munition factories, banks; it means speculative values for the stock brokers and speculators. It means that the bended backs of labor will carry the Army and the Navy, which, if the emergency arises, will be used against labor at home and for the protection of over-seas investments abroad.

(To be Continued Next Week.)

ELSTON TO SUPPORT CHARLES E. HUGHES

HUGHES

In a telegram received this week from Washington it is stated that Congressman J. A. Elston was in conference with Charles E. Hughes and that after the conference he made the following statement:

"I shall support Mr. Hughes because he has always and now stands for progressive policies. The nomination of Mr. Hughes and the adoption of the present republican platform represents a victory of the liberals over the old guard.

"I shall co-operate in the republican party with Mr. Hughes and the great body of republican voters who favor enlightened legislation and who are opposed to reactionary leadership and machine rules."

LEGAL ADVERTISING

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of Michael Palmer also known as Michael Palmer Sr., deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased to, within four months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the Office of Thos. J. Power, Attorney at Law, Irvington, Alameda County, California, which place the undersigned selects as his place of business in all matters connected with said estate of Michael R. Martin, deceased.

JOAQUIN R. MARTIN, JR., Administrator of the estate of Joaquin R. Martin, deceased.

Dated June 8, 1916.

JNO. G. MATTOS, JR., Attorney for Administrator, Center-

ville, Cal.

First publication June 10, 1916.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NO. 21439 Dept. 4
IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF ALAMEDA

In the Matter of the Estate of JOHN A. BUNTING, also known as J. A. BUNTING, Deceased.

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Niles Notes

The engagement was recently announced of Miss Harriett Alexander and Mr. Loring Pickering. The wedding took place on Saturday at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Harry L. Kaufman, at Hemet, in Riverside county. Miss Alexander is a niece of Mrs. Mountford Wilson, Mrs. Adolph Scheld of Sacramento and Mrs. Frank Brigham of Los Gatos. Mr. Pickering is the son of Mrs. Loring Pickering and the late Mr. Pickering, and a nephew of R. A. Crothers.

As Mr. Pickering spent much of his boyhood in Niles at the Pickering country home, the announcement will be of interest to Niles readers.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Shinn, Joseph Allen, and Miss Lucy Shinn with Miss Lila McKinne of San Francisco left by automobile last week Thursday for a week or ten days trip through Napa, Lake, and Sonoma counties. They called upon Mr. and Mrs. Higby in Danville, and visited the Hale family in Martinez, en route. Messages have been received from Napa, Calistoga, Lakeport, Ukiah, and Seigler Springs. They will probably reach home at the close of this week.

On next Sunday the Feast of Corpus Christi will be celebrated at Corpus Christi church in Niles and the opening of the Forty Hours of Adoration which will last till Tuesday morning. Special preachers for the occasion will be Rev. Father Mc Garrigle of Saint Clara University on Sunday evening and Father Michael Horan of Mountain View on Monday. Last Sunday Father Walsh of Santa Clara University officiated.

Miss Gertrude Mason and Mrs. Galbraith both of Berkeley were guests of Miss Millicent Shin on Sunday last. Miss Mason was one of the early Michigan University women and a roommate of Alice Freeman Palmer, and later was a fellow at Bryn Mawr in Anglo-Saxon. She was also offered a professorship at Wellesley, and was one of the founders of the California branch of the Collegiate Alumnae.

The Ellsworth party returned from automobile trip through Southern California last Sunday. Those comprising the party were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ellsworth Junior, and Mrs. Roy Morgan. They visited the exposition at San Diego and made stops at other Southern cities, enjoying the journey all the way.

Mrs. C. M. Laws and daughter, Isabella, went to Sacramento, Tuesday on a visit to her brother, Dr. Howard Cameron, and also to secure medical treatment for her daughter. Avery Laws is spending his vacation with his uncle Mr. H. P. Langlie of Tuolumne and Ruth Laws is visiting him in San Francisco.

Mrs. S. Baldwin accompanied by her daughters the Misses Helen and Hattie Baldwin and Miss Barbara Smith of the Niles grammar school are spending the summer months with Dan Baldwin in Plumas County, where he is in the employ of a large sawmill company.

It is believed that Mrs. Chittenden who left home on the 4th inst., going first to Dunsmuir, then to Marysville, Sacramento, Vallejo, and other points, will return home before the beginning of another week.

Miss Helen Sharpe who has recently returned from Yosemite came to Belvoir on Thursday last to spend two or three weeks of her vacation with the home folks.

On Saturday, 24th inst., Mrs. McHugh expects to leave San Francisco for Seattle by the steamer President. She will probably be absent several weeks visiting relatives in the northern city.

Mrs. P. A. Willis will leave the first of next week on a visit to the home or her son Austin and family who reside in Folsom, where Austin is in the employ of an electric light and power company.

Mrs. Maurice Sullivan and Master "Bobby", Mrs. Elteringham and young son, and Mrs. Kimball, all of Sunset District, San Francisco, are occupying the Hudson cottage for a month or more.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Owing to the increasing number of Automobiles and Fords having displaced the Horse drawn Vehicle from general use, the amount of Harness now required is much less than formerly and has resulted in a falling off in the sale and repairing of Harness; I am therefore compelled to add some other line to take the place of that which is gone.

I have put in a line of Automobile TIRES and TUBES and have selected the now famous HORSESHOE TIRES and the NORWALK TUBES. These are a medium priced article of the very HIGHEST QUALITY and are fully guaranteed up to 5,000 miles.

Hoping that my many customers who now have Autos will look over my stock of Tires, etc., and assuring all a continuation of my usual HIGH GRADE SERVICE.

I am yours sincerely,

H. LOVELL SCOTT,

SCOTT THE HARNESS MAN
NILES, CAL.
(advertisement)

Newark

The Eucalyptus Lumber Co. conducted by Mitchell and White in the old Fair car shop is busy sawing tree nalls used in spiking timbers together in ships. This modest little industry employs seven people and has been in operation for the past year. They are at present sawing up the eucalyptus logs obtained from the grove near the Mowry school and have a lot of work in sight. The company also saws out timber for use in agricultural implements and for various other purposes.

A small blaze on one of the roofs of the Graham foundry during the noon hour last Tuesday created a temporary excitement. The blaze was promptly extinguished by the hands at the foundry. The company has an excellent fire protection system.

Mrs. Josephine Costa, wife of Frank Costa, died rather unexpectedly Wednesday afternoon. She had been sick for only a few weeks. Besides her husband she leaves three children, Ethel, Dorothy, and Elmer.

The Del Snow family leave in a few days for a month's visit in San Francisco where Mr. Snow will devote the time to further research in his favorite scientific studies.

A very pleasant dinner party was given by Miss Flora Brown to the Tri Mus Bible class at the Presbyterian church last Tuesday.

Glen Halbert and Raoul Rose of the U.S.S. Oregon visited their folks in Newark, Sunday.

Miss Nellie Collins is spending a couple of weeks with her aunt in Monterey.

Miss Louise Ruschin entertained the Sewing Club last Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Elsie Haley left last Saturday to spend her vacation at Mt. Hermon.

Mrs. W. C. Graham was a visitor in Oakland Wednesday.

Miss Mabel Clarke returned from school duties at Fresno last week to enjoy her vacation days with her mother Mrs. Eleanor Clarke at their canyon home.

Mrs. T. J. Murphy and family, accompanied by some friends spent Friday in Oakland and San Francisco. The trip was made in the Murphy machine.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Evans and children are occupying the Moyer home during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Moyer on their vacation.

J. Davidson and family, W. H. Chapman and family, and Miss Queen Macpherson motored to Santa Clara Saturday and attended the Holy Ghost celebration.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hatch left last week by automobile for a trip to Yosemite Valley, carrying a camp outfit. They will stop as long as agreeable, at attractive points on the journey.

Edward Schuyler and Warren Caterlin left Friday for Berry Creek, Butte County, where they will spend the summer.

Mr. J. B. Barnard has assumed his duties as postmaster in place of Mrs. M. Chalmers. Miss May Barnard is to be his assistant in the office.

Miss Mills, Centerville High School teacher, with a party of girl friends, is a pilgrim to this season's pleasure-seekers' Mecca, the Yosemite Valley.

It is expected that Mrs. Velsir who is now visiting her son's family in Dunsmuir will return to Niles about July 1st.

Rev. C. L. Hyde is planning to make a new home for himself at Palo Alto. Mr. Hyde's friends in Niles regret his departure from among us.

Mrs. H. B. Rathbun and daughter are in Marysville, where they were called at the death of Mrs. Rathbun's grandmother.

The Hunt family are enjoying their outing at Pacific Grove being settled in a delightful cottage at Park Place.

Mrs. Ament, a friend of the Chittenden family from Oakland is spending a vacation week at Belvoir.

Mrs. Abernathy is spending some days for rest and recreation in Yosemite Valley.

Robert Bonner is making an addition to his residence. Ira Bonner is doing the work.

Mr. Ed Nichols, who is working in Salinas, spent the week end with his wife.

The Y. L. I. is building a tennis and basket-ball court on what was formerly the Niles baseball grounds.

J. C. Coburn and son Frank of Emeryville have been spending a few days in Niles.

Mrs. Philip Oakeeshott, with her son Peter is visiting in Fresno for ten days at the home of her sister.

Irvington

Dr. J. Haley Durham received this week an engraved copy of a souvenir "Book of Chicago" published by the Mayor's Entertainment Committee, appointed by Mayor Wm. Hale Thompson of Chicago to take charge of the delegates and alternates to the Republican Convention. Dr. Durham's brother, W. W. Durham was a member of this committee and was chairman of the sub-committee on State Societies and his activity in this capacity was reported in a recent issue of The Press.

There is some discussion concerning the proposal to place a drinking fountain and square at the corner of the Mission San Jose and San Jose roads in Irvington. The idea seems to have met a very favorable reception in the minds of local people and it is quite possible that such a square will be an added landmark before the year is out.

The Masquerade Ball on Roller Skates given by the Daleys in Maple Rink last Saturday night was a very successful affair. George Beardsley and Clarice Hirsch, George Noll and Raymond Bond won prizes for best sustained characters. A good crowd was in attendance.

The entertainment given by the school children in Maple Rink last Friday evening was a success in every way. It was a fine tribute to the work of Mrs. Fanny Ward Miller, under account will be given next week as it arrived too late this week to be published.

Mrs. O'Dair and Miss Hazel Riley of Alameda spent the week end in Irvington with Mrs. Ed Hirsch.

Miss Belle Mattos has returned to San Jose after a two weeks' visit with her mother in Irvington.

Miss Mildred Griffin of Hayward spent the week end as the guest of Miss June Witherly.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ismero entertained as their guests Sunday the Misses Mack of Oakland.

Miss Mildred Nellis has been visiting with her mother in Hayward during the past week.

Mrs. Roderick and daughter Irene were San Jose visitors Wednesday of this week.

Decoto

A pleasant surprise was tendered Mrs. H. C. Seales last Saturday evening by a few of her friends. Those in the party were Mr. and Mrs. Henry May, Dr. and Mrs. H. W. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Riddle, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Graham, Miss Nancy McKeown, a dMiss Flora McKeown.

Jere Margarido met with a painful accident at the Willett and Burr machine shop last week. His left hand was caught between the cogs in the crane. He scaped with the loss of the end of the middle finger.

A. E. Frates a farmer working on a hay press between here and Hayward died suddenly Monday afternoon while at work. His death is supposed to have been due to heart disease.

Mrs. J. A. Mendonca of San Francisco and children, Levern, Stella, Leon, and Ellen are visiting Mrs. Mendonca's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joseph of Alviso District.

Mrs. J. Joseph and children Elma and Eleene are visiting Mrs. Joseph's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Mondonca.

Albert Silva, Manuel Cordeira and Frank Costa left last week for Byron Springs for two weeks' stay.

Mrs. E. B. Tyson offers her house, furnished, for rent during the summer months.

Mrs. C. Manning and family of Hayward are camping in Niles Canyon.

George Buttner of Sunol was the guest of T. J. Murphy last Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Catterlin is in Oakland this week.

Melvin Duffy was in San Francisco Monday.

Miss Marie Sharpe is at home for a week's vacation.

Teddy Cavanaugh spent Sunday and Monday at his home in Oakland.

J. Briscoe and Miss Irene Spellman were in Niles Sunday.

Frank Hill was in Oakland Friday.

If you have not already done so, be sure to cut out and fill in the Nomination Blank printed in The Press. Then take it to either store of Hellwig & Lagrave, deposit it, and it will count for 2000 votes in the Hellwig Lagrave-Washington Press Piano Contest. Don't forget to ask for coupons when you make a purchase.

The contest is open to all the young ladies of Washington Township whether married or single.

Any person in Washington Township may nominate a candidate.

For every \$2 in cash trade turned in to Hellwig-Lagrave, the contestant will be given 200 votes.

For every new \$2 cash subscription to The Washington Press, 2000 votes will be given.

For every \$2 collected on old subscriptions, 2000 votes will be given.

The candidate holding the highest number of votes at the end of the contest will receive the \$350 Krantz piano now on display at Alvarado.

In addition there will be special prizes awarded for the best work each week.

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Alvarado

Will Norris is home again after spending several months as a sugar chemist at a new sugar mill in Cuba, twenty-five miles out from Camaguey. Will went out for a company and stayed long enough to watch through the season's run. He expects to remain in Alvarado for the coming season.

Maple Grove at the August May place will be the gathering place for Alvarado people on July 4. It will be just one of those good, neighborly sociable times for which Alvarado people are famous. Last year over a hundred people enjoyed the day at this beautiful spot.

P. G. Lowrie is sporting a new Ford this week. Pete says if it weren't for the speed limit his early acquired propensity in driving a butcher wagon might get the best of him. The new machine has all the latest equipment.

The following is a list of the graduates of the Alvarado school. George Harvey, Edward Harvey, Max Just, James Nesbitt, Clarence Flores, Theodore Lemos, Manuel Silva, Mamie Gomes, Hazel Lorenzo.

Mr. Joseph Ralph, formerly of this place, but now of Oakland, was in town on Monday, pursuing his business as salesman for the Frank B. Peterson Co., wholesale grocers of San Francisco.

Miss Genevieve Ford was tendered a genuine surprise party, on Thursday evening of last week. About eighteen of her friends were present and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Jung family, accompanied by Miss Pearl Penke of Mt. Eden attended the opera "Martha" on Monday evening, the opening night of the opera season in Oakland auditorium.

Miss Ethel Foley leaves next week for a month's visit in Los Angeles and other points of interest in Southern California. Miss Foley is at present a teacher in the Napa City schools.

Mrs. E. M. Tainton entertained Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Foley. Miss Ethel Foley, Miss August May, and Mrs. J. H. Ralph at her home in Oakland the first of the week.

Mrs. Rosie S. Lee and daughter, Helen, and Mrs. Nora Vargas and son, Eddie, are camping in the San Juan hills for two weeks.

The Misses Mildred and Edith May of Alameda are spending a part of their vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Foley.

Joe Norris, purchasing agent for a steamship company at Stockton, spent last week in Alvarado, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Norris.

Alvarado Aerie, No. 1695, F. O. E. will have an initiation with a banquet following on the first Monday in July.

Mrs. Everett Richmond of San Francisco has purchased the "Oakland" runabout of Mr. J. H. Ralph.

Miss Fal Lewis of Byron, is spending a week with Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Avila.

Born — In Alvarado, June 19, to the wife of Frank Luna, a daughter.

Thomas Creed left Tuesday to spend a week at Modesto.

Centerville

Tony Rose, Frank King, Johnny Rose, Tony Nunes, and Joe Andrew motored to Stockton Sunday to see the motorcycle races. They met with no disasters en route and made the trip each way in three hours.

The Misses Marian and Belle Valencia entertained as guests last Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. E. Barber and two children. Mr. Webber and George Valencia from Richmond.

Frank Bernardo of San Francisco, formerly of Centerville, has been spending a few days visiting his brother, Manuel Bernardo, and renewing old acquaintances in town.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Hanson of Centerville were in Los Angeles this week where Mr. Hanson attended the Knights Templars conclave.

Plans are still going ahead for the Fourth of July to be held in Centerville this year. See article elsewhere.

Judd Wilson, local agent for the Southern Pacific Company, has purchased a new Chevrolet automobile.

J. G. Mattos Jr. is having a sleeping porch added to his residence. Mr. A. Wilfert is doing the work.

Mrs. Gregory and daughter Mrs. Blanchard are enjoying a visit in the southern part of the State.

Alice A. Sarmiento, Phoebe Ormsby, Elva Calhoun, Virginia Ormsby, Laura Borges, Elsa Ray.

Mr. Eugene Stevenson and two sons are spending a part of their vacation in the Yosemite Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lyle